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ELECTION OF MEMBER TO THE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 370), and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 370

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and that they are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

Committee on Small Business: Ms. VELAZQUEZ to rank directly above Mr. LAFALCE.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ELECTION OF MEMBER TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 371), and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the following Member be, and he is hereby, elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

Committee on the Judiciary: Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS TO HAVE UNTIL MIDNIGHT FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1998 TO FILE REPORT ON H.R. 3130, CHILD SUPPORT PERFORMANCE AND INCENTIVE ACT OF 1998

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Ways and Means have until midnight tomorrow, Friday, February 27, 1998 to file a report on H.R. 3130.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. BONIOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

TRIBUTE TO MARTI THOMAS

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I will inquire shortly of the distinguished gen-

tleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY) regarding the schedule.

Before I yield to my friend, the gentleman from Texas, I would just like to take this opportunity to let the Members know, those who are not already in knowledge, of the leaving of one of our real fabulous, super persons who have worked this floor for 9 years, Marti Thomas of the staff of the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT), who has been a real inspiration to a lot of people around here.

She is leaving. She is not going very far, just down to the Treasury Department. We will see her from time to time. I just want her to know that on behalf of all the Members of the House, and I think the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY) might elaborate on this, who also was honored here last night at a party, we want her to know how much we will miss her, how much we appreciate all the hard work she gave to this institution, and we look forward to seeing her from time to time as she comes back with her new responsibilities.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BONIOR. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if I may just speak for a moment, perhaps I may make a comment about Marti and how much we, too, have enjoyed working with her. She has always been pleasant, even when she was being stubborn. But we have always enjoyed it, and we, too, will miss her.

I would think we may want to hear from the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT) on this subject before we talk about the schedule.

If I might just say, Marti, from my point of view, I will miss you. I wish you Godspeed wherever you go, and I believe you owe me a lot, so I will be getting in touch with you later on that.

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BONIOR. I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Missouri.

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Texas for his comments. I have known a lot of staff people here, and we rarely thank and recognize our staff for the great work they do. One of the reasons this place works is that we have wonderful human beings who come here to work for us, and work behind the scenes without any celebration or without any sufficient recognition, to make this place work.

I know of no one that we have ever had on staff who has such unanimous acclaim as Marti Thomas. Everybody likes her, everybody loves her, everybody respects her, and everybody wishes her well in her new assignment with the Treasury Department.

Finally, I believe that she has such acclaim because she basically treats other people the way she would like to be treated.

That is her credo, and that is the way she conducts herself. So, Marti, we are

going to miss you very, very much, and we know you are going to be a great success. And the only solace I have in this as her direct employer is that she has promised to come back here soon.

Mr. BONIOR. I yield to my friend, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY).

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that we have finished legislative business for the week. The House will reconvene for pro forma session on Monday, March 2 at 2:00 p.m. Of course there will be no legislative business and no votes on that date.

On Tuesday, March 3, the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2:00 p.m. for legislative business.

We will consider a number of bills under suspension of the rules, a list of which will be distributed to Members' offices. Members should note that we do not expect any recorded votes on suspensions before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. to consider the following bills, all of which will be subject to rules: H.R. 856, the United States-Puerto Rico Political Status Act; H.R. 3130, the Child Support Performance and Incentive Act for 1998; and H.R. 2369, the Wireless Privacy Enhancement Act of 1997.

Mr. Speaker, we hope to conclude legislative business for the week by 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 5. There will be no votes on Friday, March 6.

I want to thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. BONIOR. I thank my colleague from Texas for his remarks and the information that he has given us. Can I ask the gentleman from Texas when we can expect the Puerto Rico bill to be coming to the floor?

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman for asking. We anticipate having that bill on the floor on Wednesday.

Mr. BONIOR. Wednesday. I thank my friend.

And, finally, the concern we had here is when we will be able to see the list of bills on suspension.

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman for that inquiry. We have had some late requests. We are trying to get the list together, and we should have them in your offices later today.

Mr. BONIOR. I thank my colleague and wish him a good weekend.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1998

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request from the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.